



East Rudham Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 18 May 2021, 7.15pm, The Rudhams Village Hall

Parish Councillors present: Tony Elburn , Malcolm Pearson MBE, Hedley Mines, Sue Jones, Pauline Daisley Brown, Rosemary Weeks. Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk) there were 3 members of the public.

1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Apologies received from Rachel Wade, John Dawson and Chris Morley. Apologies accepted.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2019

The minutes were approved without amendment.

To receive reports from:

3. Tony Elburn, Chairman of the Parish Council, on the Council's year

Report received from the Chairman:-

Since the last Annual Parish Meeting in May 2019, to replace a resignation, we were in June 2019 joined by a new Councillor Mrs Rachel Wade who has since that time taken an active role in the functions of the Parish Council.

Now I will summarise some of the items that were carried out over and above the normal housekeeping duties during the 2 year interval.

Projects from June 2019.

During October 19 a grant was received from Jacks Lane Windfarm fund to install part fencing along the A148 edge of the Village Green up to the bus shelter, this was completed middle of 2020.

November 2019 the village Green car park marking was completed from a 50% grant from NCC PP scheme grant, this has assisted ease of parking and ability to park more cars.

In 2020 we were awarded from the Parish partnership scheme 50% for village gateways at the East End of the Village on A148; this has resulted in some reduction of speed on entering the village.

The Village Green Fencing second phase alongside the A148 from the bus stop to the Beech Tree was completed May 2021 again with full funding from Jacks Lane Wind Farm.

On closing down the Little Owls preschool group donated funding for a bench in the Play park this was purchased by the PC. and installed by PC. volunteers.

The School expressed a need for a dropped kerb at the West entrance to the playing field, a 50% grant was applied for by the PC to NCC PP scheme, this was awarded and 50% was paid by the PC but reduced with a £500 contribution from the member's fund. We are at present awaiting Highways to carry out the project.

At present we are awaiting the results of funding bids to completely restructure the Play Park, by replacing 1980's equipment and relocating recent equipment in the refurbished site.

Probably the most notable challenge to the PC was in March 2020 when at the March meeting it was decided to support a community shop start up, run by Rachel Wade and Jane Watts in the Jane's Cafe

with the Help of Malcolm and several volunteers. This had funding support from Norfolk CC , the Dewing Trust and various contributions, and was set up to help supply provisions for local people during the first Covid 19 Lockdown which lasted until June. Thanks go to all concerned with this project and worth noting is that it has been recognised by Norfolk County Council in the form of letters from the HM Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk Lady Dannatt. Two successful annual litter picks have taken place, March 2020 and March 2021. In both events the turnout was very good.

Thanks to Rosemary who compiles the Parish Newsletter which is well received by all. Again any contributions will be most welcome.

The Sam 2 speed awareness system is serviced, changed on a rota, the data is downloaded, recorded and presented by Hedley, thanks to him for that.

Also, thanks to Malcolm as rep. to Smeeth Charity fund and Sue as MUGA rep and coordinator for Bulk oil buying Scheme.

Stonepit wood continues to develop under the care of John and Viv Dominy, thanks to them for their good work.

Thanks to all those non councillors who help keep the Council running, Jodie who has successfully completed a somewhat difficult first year with all the constraints and regulations, Liz the Burial Clerk, and John Jones for his maintenance work on the Cemetery etc.

4. To hear from County Councillor

Cllr Michael Chenery's report is available to view and download via our website eastrudhampaishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

5. To hear from Borough Councillor

Cllr Chris Morley's report is available to view and download via our website eastrudhampaishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

6. Report from local organisations, if attending

There were no representatives of local organisations present.

Community Car Scheme

Cllr Pearson advised that many members of the committee have been shielding over the past year and has therefore been very little activity, however the committee do offer support and help with fuel and coal etc for those in need. The grant parameters will be revamped to move with the times and help with more up to date issues, as not many people use coal anymore.

MUGA

Cllr Weeks advised that MUGA will be reporting in the newsletter.

7. To discuss any other business

A parishioner from Coxford asked the Parish Council to consider installing a new grit bin and dog bin. Cllr Elburn agreed to obtain some prices and consider this further.

With there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm

Signed:Date: